

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of a server system custom provisioning a generically pre-provisioned client device, the method comprising:
 - receiving a connection from the client device; and
 - downloading provisioning data to the generically pre-provisioned client device.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - authenticating the generically pre-provisioned client device; and
 - the downloading being conditioned upon the authenticating.
3. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
 - sending out-of-band data to a user of the generically pre-provisioned client device prior to receiving the connection.
4. A system comprising:
 - a network;
 - a server system coupled to the network and including,
 - a provisioning server,
 - a provisioning database having stored therein provisioning data for at least one generically pre-provisioned client device; and
 - a generically pre-provisioned client device coupled to the server system via the network.
5. The system of claim 4 wherein the generically pre-provisioned client device comprises:
 - generically pre-provisioned data which have been provisioned prior to an initial connection of the generically pre-provisioned client device to the server system via the network;
 - out-of-band data which have been stored into the generically pre-provisioned client device by a user; and
 - provisioning data which have been provisioned by the provisioning server after an initial connection of the generically pre-provisioned client device to the server system via the network.
6. An article of manufacture comprising:

2 a machine-accessible medium including instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause
3 the machine to perform the method of claim 1.

1 7. The article of manufacture of claim 6 wherein the machine-accessible medium further
2 includes instructions that, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to perform the method
3 of claim 2.

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